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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 16, 2005, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the remarks on the accompanying pages.

Claims 1 and 3-19 are all the claims pending in the application.

35 USC § 102:

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8-10 and 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Noguchi et al. in view of Fujiwaki (U.S. Patent No. 5,901,674) or Mikame et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,386,164). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection in view of the following remarks.